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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1891.

SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorized Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

Head Office.—Hongkong.

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THE Head Office now receives Money on
deposit and makes advances on Goods in
neutral Godowns, and upon other securities,
on terms to be had on application.
Hongkong, 27th August, 1891. [1166]

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$500,000.

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COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and
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on application.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager. [116]

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THE STANDARD
A SCOTTISH LIFE OFFICE OF 64 YEARS
STANDING, AND ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST
AND MOST PROGRESSIVE OF THE PROVIDENT
INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED
KINGDOM.

THE Standard has a long record of good
services to refer to; its Funds, annually
increasing, amount to £7,000,000 Stg.; the
Premiums are moderate; and all modern features
consistent with safety have been adopted.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
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INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Underwriters are prepared to accept
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

GEORGE R. STEVENS & Co.,
Agents,
No. 2, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 31st March, 1891. [114]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892. [116]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TARIFFS 600,000.....\$555,355-35-
EQUAL TO.....\$318,000-00-
RESERVE FUND.....\$318,000-00-.

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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1890. [1178]

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VICTORIA CHAPTER,
No. 525.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the
above Chapter will be held in the
FREMANTON HALL, Zealand Street, on
SATURDAY next, the 31st instant, at 8.30 for
9 p.m. precisely.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1891. [1134]

ZETLAND LODGE,
No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREMANTON
HALL, Zealand Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd
November, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1891. [1179]

Intimations.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LD.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
AND
Commission Agents.

KOLA WINE (VAN HARGAN).

TONIC, STIMULANT and RESTORATIVE, unequalled as a Restorative of the Digestive
Organs. It strengthens the Mental and Physical powers, and Stimulates the Circulatory
and Nervous systems.
DOSE:—A Wine Glass Full with each Meal.

VINA COCA.

A Wine Glass Full taken on rising relieves any uneasiness in the stomach, and faintness.
FINE SCOTCH HEATHER HONEY \$1 per bottle.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1891. [17]

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HAS JUST RECEIVED

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Boxes of Copper Stencils, Alphabets and
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Send New Stamp Albums.
Supplement to Former Editions.
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Latta's Dictionaries 1892.

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Test Book of Assaying.
Caselli—Ten Years in Equatoria.
Earthquakes, by Borcoswitz.
New Light Literature.
New Fancy Goods.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1891. [159]

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GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

Packed by CROSSE BLACKWELL & Co., Phillips and Canaud and other 1st class packers.
A FULL STOCK OF FRESH STORES ALWAYS ON HAND.

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NEW SCALE OF PRICES.

Priced Lists and Pass-books sent, post free, to any address.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891. [1138]

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HAVE JUST RECEIVED,

ex S.S. "MYRMIDON,"

IN SPLENDID CONDITION,

DIRECT FROM THE FACTORY

THE KINNEY TOBACCOS POPULAR BRANDS

OF

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES

AND

STRAIGHT CUT CIGARETTES.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG. [17]

W. POWELL & CO.'S

IS THE BEST HOUSE FOR ALL KINDS OF HOUSEHOLD SUNDRIES.

COOKING STOVES, all sizes. DRYING-ROOM STOVES, all sizes

KEROSENE OIL STOVES FOR DRYING-ROOM and COOKING,
made by the best Makers.

LAMPS and LAMP SUNDRIES of every description.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1891. [16]

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SHOOTING STOCKINGS FOR SPORTSMEN.

BUCKSKIN LEGGINGS.

PORPOISE HIDE BOOTS.

CANADIAN CREAMERY BUTTER and CHEESE.

CARMICHAEL & CO. LTD.

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Hongkong, 17th October, 1891. [1168]

ROBERT LANG & CO.

NEW HATS.

BLACK, GREY AND BROWN FELTS

SINGLE TERRAI HATS.

(ALL SHADIES).

STRAW AND PITH HATS.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1891. [1136]

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(From J. Broadwood & Sons and Collard & Collard).

THE PIANO, ORGAN AND MUSIC WAREHOUSE,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL,
and at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama.

PIANOS SPECIALLY MADE FOR THIS CLIMATE AND GUARANTEED.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS OR HIRE.

TUNING-REPAIRS.

Instruments made equal to new. Large experience, all Machinery, trained men and Work guaranteed.

OLD PIANOS TAKEN IN EXCHANGE.

16 YEARS extensive experience in China, and the only firm of trained and practical people
devoting themselves wholly to the Music and Musical Instrument Trade.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction,

SATURDAY, the 31st October, 1891,
at 2.30 p.m.

at their SALES ROOMS, No. 3, PRAYA CENTRAL.

The Powerful and Fast Steam Launch

"FALCON."

Intely belonging to Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.

Length between perpendiculars 57 feet

Beam..... 8 " 11 inches

Depth moulded..... 4 " 6 inches

Tandem H.P. Compound Engines; Cylinders

8 inches and 14 inches.

The Boiler is in good condition.

Lanuch has been thoroughly overhauled by

the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company

and is in First-Class Order.

Also

The well-known Yachts

"NAOMI" and "ARIEL."

"NAOMI,"

Dimensions.

Length on deck..... 53' 9"

Beam..... 11' 7"

Depth moulded..... 8' 8"

With Lead Keel, 11 tons 8 cwt., and a long

inside Lead Ballast. She was sheathed with

Copper in 1887 and is furnished with a complete

suit of sails and gear, including racing sails.

"ARIEL,"

Dimensions.

Length on deck..... 44' 6"

Beam..... 8' 6"

Depth moulded..... 7'

With Lead Keel about 9 tons and Lead Ballast

complete suit of sails, including racing sails and

gear.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery. For

further particulars, apply to

GORDON & CO.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1891. [1134]

To be Let.

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

FIRST and SECOND FLOOR HOUSE

No. 5, Chancery Lane, Six Rooms with

Bath Room, newly painted and repaired.

Apply to

J. M. V. DE FIGUEIREDO,

No. 1, Caine Road.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1891. [1137]

TO LET.

BAHAR LODGE, THE PEAK.

R. E. LOT No. 59.

THIS desirable residence with Gas laid on

to be Let Furnished or Unfurnished.

Apply to

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND

AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1891. [1710]

TO LET.

SHOP in Pedder's Street; ROOMS on First

Floor, Suitable for offices.

Also

One FURNISHED BEDROOM on Top

Floor.

Apply to

CRUICKSHANK & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 21st October, 1891. [1135]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING

COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO LET.

AT KOWLOON.

A FEW HOUSES IN KNOTSFORD TER-

RACE containing 5 Rooms each and

Bath-rooms. Tennis Courts. Healthy situation.

Cheap Rent.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

AND AGENCY Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 6th August, 1891. [1080]

Consignees.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "SIKH,"

FROM HAMBURG, LONDON, LIVERPOOL,

STRAITS, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed

that all goods are being landed at their

respective Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf

and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence

and/or from the wharves delivery may be

obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

notice to the contrary be given before Noon.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the 3rd prox. will be subject

to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be pre-

sented to the Underigned on or before the 3rd

prox, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1891. [11360]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMO,"

Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the

above Ports TOMORROW, the 30th instant, at

Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th October, 1891. [11370]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY

AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Singapore and Java) and taking

through cargo for ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND

PORTS and TASMANIA.

THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU,"

Captain J. B. Macmillan, will be despatched for the

above Ports on SATURDAY, the 31st inst.,

at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th October, 1891. [11332]

FOR NEW YORK (VIA SUEZ CANAL).

THE Steamship

"HANKOW,"

Captain West, will be despatched as above

on or about the 7th November, instead of as

previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1891. [1207]

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PORT FAIRY,"

Captain Starkey, will be despatched as above

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS, &c.

SELECTION FROM WINE & SPIRIT LIST.
CLARET.

per case of 12 qts. 24 pts.

VIN ORDINAIRE—An excellent light breakfast wine with a decided character. \$5.00

St. GERMAIN—a pure light wine with a decided character. \$6.00

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CHATEAU L'EVAN 1884—A rare vintage claret. \$14.00

BARTON LANGAO—A rare vintage claret. \$14.00

SHERRY.

VINO GENEROSO—a general one wine, green. \$6.00

VINO DE PASTO—a medium dry wine with delicate flavour, red. \$10.00

AMONTILLADO—a high class natural wine for connoisseurs of Sherry, yellow. \$12.00

DELICIOUSO—the very finest sherry procurable, 6 years in bottle. \$14.00

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, LONDON, HONGKONG AND AMOY.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

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AND

FLOWER

SEEDS,

SEASON 1891-92.

PER S.S. "SHANGHAI"

WE have received our second supplies of

FRESH GARDEN

SEEDS,

and we are now executing all orders for the same. Complete Catalogues with concise directions for sowing can be obtained on application, or will be posted to any address. In these Catalogues the Seeds are Marginally Numbered in English and Chinese, and when ordering it is quite sufficient to state the numbers of the kinds required.

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DISCOUNTS.

Orders from one person, of \$5 to \$10, allowed 25% discount.

Orders from one person, over \$10 allowed an extra 5% discount.

Narcissus Bulbs (The Chinese Spring Flower). A supply just received from the North. Early application is requested.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: it supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lb each. \$1.50.

Bags 25 lb 4.00.

Directions for use are given on the label.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1891.

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HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST

FOR 1891.

THIS Valuable Work, with many NEW

ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS,

IS NOW READY.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1891.

TELEGRAMS.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

LONDON, October 29th.

It is reported that a Chinese frontier official met the Russian expedition descending the All plateau, near Murgul; he protested on behalf of his Government against the entry into Chinese territory; no attention was paid to this and the Russians continued to advance.

THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

A fresh crisis has occurred in Argentina; an outbreak is feared and troops are held in readiness.

THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK.

October 21st.

At the usual half-yearly meeting of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, the Chairman said that the unfortunate result of the working of the past six months was due to cheapness of money, speculation in silver, and losses in the Straits Settlements; the prospects for the current six months, he said, were not promising; but he opined there was nothing whatever to justify any cause for alarm.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

AN epitaph for a faithful tram-car conductor—he took his last fare well.

Schwigenheim—I want some soap to make me schmil schneet.

Young Dakins—Try our Carbolic!

THE well known coasting steamer Nam Klang, the property of Messrs. Kye Guan & Co., will be sold by public auction at Penang on Wednesday the 18th November.

Maudie—I prefer a chair to a rickshaw!

Gulnere—Why so, dear?

Maudie—Claude can see more of me when I go past him!

SECOND Lieut. Philip Allen, of the Northamptonshire Regiment, has been promoted to Lieutenant vice C. P. Pedler, removed from the Army.

What has Pedler been up to, we wonder? I dread.

AN Emergency meeting of St. John Lodge, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

A REGULAR meeting of Diligence Lodge of Instruction, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Thursday, the 31st proximo, at 8.45 for 9.30 p.m.—precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Mr. Bright—Your friend Miss Flight is a very charming person. I'd like to see more of her.

Miss Bygones—You naughty fellow! But she did wear a very low-cut dress at the dinner last night.

WE are informed by the agent of the O. & O. S. S. Co. that the steamship *Elgie*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 8th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow.

It is interesting to note, remarks the *Strait Times*, that Messrs. Murray, Campbell & Co. might easily have had an additional hundred thousand pounds sterling for the Korat (Siamese) railway, if only they had asked it. What a regret!

First Jockey Club Steward—Dear, dear, it is positively raining!

Second and Third do.—Oh, gracious, What shall we do?

Small boy—Why, go into the house, you old fools.

AN angry for France. The great "Colonia of Victory," which the sauerkraut men put up at Berlin after the last war, is slowly moving out of the perpendicular, and evidently means to fall. And the head of the crippled trophy is a direct line for Paris.

A SINGAPORE paper reports that some \$30,000 worth of tin, belonging to Messrs. Boustead & Co., was being loaded into the steamer *Tikaran* at Penang on October 16th, when a heavy sea struck the *long-hang*, which ran against the ship and immediately sank. The tin was insured.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play the following programme at the Bazaar Square, this evening, commencing at 7.30 o'clock:—

March—"Light of Foot".....Lama.

Val—"The Old Song".....Boswell.

Polka—"On Guard".....Walsford.

Gigue—"The Old Song".....Walsford.

Mr. Kirby Stone—Had a sale to-day.

Mr. Brook—What was it?

Stone—Two Marina shares.

Brook—Why, but it was a griffin who had been hobnobbing with Hengcock, and he didn't know it.

WE read that Boerbohm Tree's "Hamlet" has thus far only been seen in Manchester, but reports praise a sensation for it when it is presented in London a few weeks hence. The talented young actor seems to have been able to invest the performance with a new atmosphere, a weird, fanciful reality quite out of the conventional, and there will be a veritable stampede to the Haymarket Theatre when he puts it in the bill.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Monday next, at 3 p.m., the business will be:—

Financial Minutes.

Report of the Finance Committee, No. 11 of 1891.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Second reading of the "Appropriation Bill for 1892."

Third reading of the Bill entitled "The Prepared Optum Ordinance, 1891."

Third reading of the Bill entitled "The Raw Optum Amendment Ordinance, 1891."

Committee on the Bill entitled "The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, 1891."

WHAT is Monopoly? A corporation in which other fellows hold all the stock.

VICHARAVAC, 18,350 feet above the sea, and Uccapata, 16,158 feet, mining camps in Peru, are the highest inhabited places in the world.

Young Shanghai—Is my cigar offensive?

H. K. Trader—Oh, No; I've lived 103 long on Praya Central.

It's a mistake to suppose that the social lion is the king of beasts. The social lion in Hongkong is generally a despicable jackass.

Mrs. Blinke—I've just discharged my amab.

Mrs. Blinke—She displayed too much interest in Blinke's trousers pockets. That was my right.

Mr. W. H. Treacher, C.M.G., Secretary to the Government of Perak, has returned from his leave of absence in England, and resumed the duties of his office.

THE health-giving banana goes back to the earliest days. Alexander's soldiers, as Pliny says, joined the sages of India seated in its shades and partaking of the delicious fruit.

Mr. Banker—I have reformed. Instead of worshipping 'lovely woman' I worship the almighty dollar.

Mr. Sneer—Trying to compete?

THE Hongkong Volunteers intend giving a promenade concert at their headquarters on the evening of Saturday next, the 31st inst. Business commences at 9 p.m. All friends cordially invited.

THE *Strait Times* says that at the end of this month Mr. Bibby will use the Raub battery to crush one hundred tons of gold-bearing stone for the Malay Peninsula Prospecting Company.

Boogs—Quite a surprise! Went home to tiffin and found my wife had a half-bred boy!

Togge—Great Jupiter!

Boogs—Yes, she'd discharged her English maid.

AMONG the passengers leaving to-day by the *Swat* were Dr. and Mrs. Candler, bound for India's golden strand on a three months holiday. We know the muckle doctor and the goodwife will enjoy their trip, and soon and safely return.

CAPT. HANS PETERSEN, late manager of the Menam Flotilla Co., shot himself with a revolver on the 17th October. He had been suffering from exposure to the sun, but had apparently recovered just before he blew his brains out.

SHE WAS RIGHT—A school teacher asked a little girl how many bones there were in her body, and her answer was 208. "Wrong!" there are only 207," said the teacher. "Yes'm," was the triumphant response, "but I swallowed a fish-bone to-day."

Mrs. Peake—I hate that Bong-Tong Trading Co.

Mrs. Jiblets—What have they done now?

Mrs. Peake—Why they sent out an express yesterday which said that the month the largest stock of hosiery in Hongkong was worn down, and that could only have referred to me, the mean things!

WE extract the following from the *Bangkok Times* of the 17th inst.:—The numerous friends of Mr. C. H. Schmidt, late manager of the Oriental Hotel, gave him a hearty "send off" on Monday evening last at the Bangkok Hotel, the party being held in the dining hall.

The party, consisting of twenty-three residents, passed the time very pleasantly, and wound up by literally carrying their guest on board his steamer—the *Phra Nang*, bound for Hongkong.

INSPECTOR JOHN BUTLIN and five policemen at Sha-ki-wai raided a gambling house last night and succeeded in capturing twelve prisoners, who were in the act of playing *po-ti*.

It appears that the gallant Inspector had known for some time that these men were engaged in this breach of the law, but could not succeed in capturing them. Last night, however, he succeeded in stealing on the watchmen they had on the look out, and seized them before they could give the alarm; he then made a rush into the house closely followed by his subordinates. About twenty men were gambling, and he was immediately saluted with the lighted kerosene lamp, which he fortunately warded off with his hands, which were cut pretty severely. After a fight in the dark for about half an hour, in which one of the Chinese constables got his head split, the police succeeded in capturing a dozen of them and they were each sentenced to one month's hard labor to-day.

THE following extraordinary story is sent by its correspondent to the *London Times*, and is dated Paris, 28th ult.:—

I have had with a great Russian personage, who is in a condition to be well-informed, the following conversation, which must be read in connection with the Danish Agency telegram dated San Francisco, 26th August, relating to the treaty between Russia and one of the semi-republics of the Far East.

"The revolution at present going on in China is not, like that of the Taipings, directed against the Dynasty, but, on the contrary, it has been started by the Tsung-li Yamen, and the man who is really directing it is Li Hung-chang, the successor of the famous Marquis Tseng, who is an intelligent man and above all a patriot. His plans consist in driving out the European element by opposing thereto an actual Chinese migration both on the Russian frontier, a few hundred miles on that of Tsingling. In the direction of the valley of the Loh and region of the Ussuri and the Amoor we have given back to China 15 millions of the yellow race, and the migration is still far from having reached its limit. A veritable barbaric invasion is what is conceived by these Chinese statesmen. The Black Flags were and still are in their pay, as also the alleged revolution, with their watchword 'Down with the foreigners.' The Russian Government is defending itself against this invasion as well as it can by sending Cossack settlers in large numbers into the valley of Loh.

"The two hostile colonies form thus a kind of disguised cordon of troops like those formerly on the Turkish frontier of Austria. This is one of the reasons, and a very strong one, why Russia does not wish openly to join the other European Powers in protesting against Chinese aggression. She has little wish to begin a struggle in these regions, which is sooner or later inevitable, before she has completed the railway just commenced, which will enable her to send day by day a body of troops on the Chinese frontier. Another reason is that the Russian Government has been striving since 1885 to absorb Corea, which is now already almost independent of China and is directed by a German officer in a direction of course hostile to Russia. A third reason is that the island of Saghalien and the coast of Vladivostok almost absorb all the navy that Russia can spare in these parts.

"The mother of the young Emperor is at the head of the anti-European movement in China. What I have just told you will confirm the information you published on the Franco-Russian alliance as to their mutual attitude in reference to China, and I believe indeed that, as you said, these are thus far, the principal, if not the sole formal stipulations between the two Powers."

Miss Clara (out shopping)—"How awfully the wind blows, Ethel!"

Miss Ethel—"Doesn't it! If I had known there was such a gale I would have—"

Miss Clara—"Remained at home!"

Miss Ethel—"No; put on my striped stockings."

THE orders of the day at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. are as follows:—

Petitions having reference to the by-laws for licensing and regulating Common Lodging-houses. Agenda.—1. Letter from Honourable Colonial Secretary regarding the office of Surveyor to the Board. 2. Letter from Honourable Colonial Secretary regarding Cemetery By-laws. 3. Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 17th and 24th October, 1891. 4. Application to construct a public latrine on Marine Lot 99.

CHUNG FAT, a contractor, was charged before Mr. Wise at the Magistracy this morning, with disobeying a summons which was issued at the instance of Mr. Sammy King, who is monarch of the land bailiffs, for cutting earth above Richmond Terrace and doing a lot of damage to the young fir trees there. The defence was that he was not aware that he had to come up to court until the officials brought him there, and that he had bought the earth from some friends.

"Gully" (That is the worst of trying to own the earth.) Contracts are not flourishing just now, and he could not pay \$100 so he goes into banishment for a month.

FOURTEEN new names, remarks the *Sydney Bulletin*, were added lately to the roll of N.S.W. solicitors, which now numbers considerably more than 600. Law is a very payable industry if managed properly. Five leading legal firms in Sydney net between £10,000 and £20,000 each per annum, which is a tolerable profit when you come to think that most of the work is done by clerks. Approves of the magnificent salaries paid to managing clerks, a certain Australian solicitor sometime ago engaged a young English solicitor to conduct his business (salary £150 per annum) while he toured the Continent. The Englishman annexed £2,000 and disappeared, and has never been captured although a warrant was issued for his arrest. Last Christmas the writer of this par came across the quondam managing clerk at a big coffee-palace in a neighbouring province—where he held the onerous position of "boots."

ALAS, poor Willard! We knew him well. He worked hard, and struggled so bravely that he finally succeeded in securing the strength of that alone; but other circumstances were too strong. To begin, business here is bad anyhow, and the best combination on earth would be but feebly received. Then, while some of his company are distinctly bright lights, whom it is a pleasure to see and an impossibility to criticize, others are so outrageously careless and foolish that the gen. pub. was constantly disgusted. Then again, business being so bad, it could only have been through the best of sympathy between manager and artist that any thing might have been maintained among them; and owing to a fatal error of judgment, the character on which we had occasion to comment some time ago, this *esprit de corps* was phenomenally scarce, so that one by one the various members "packed up their trunks like the Arabs and silently stole away" to Stanley's company, to Australia, to anywhere, until now, out of 24 who set out from Australia, he has about half left. This little band is now on its way to India, where it is to be severely hoped they will do better. The scene on Fiddler's Wharf to-day was touching, and on the steamer it was heart-rending. The brokers were all there, and the Diamond Duke in particular was quite broken up. So were all the lamenting crowd, and it is reported that one gentleman was so busy taking his last fond look in the saloon that he lost his hat and he had to come back with the pilot. Great was the assembly of disconsolate ones in the hotel bar when they had gone, and greater the demand for—er, hem—ice cream.

REFERRING to the Interport boat race, the *Kobe Herald* says:—We paid a visit to the Boat House and measured the boats brought up by the Hongkong Interport crew. The two boats for the "Four" were little in length, the one being 43' and the other 43' 3", with a beam of 2' 6" and depth from top of gunwale, amidships, to top of keelson of 11 1/2 inches. The boat to which the Kobe crew will row is 45' 1" long with a beam of 2' 7 1/2". The weights of the Kobe and Hongkong boats are as nearly as possible the same, the former boat having thinner planking and less weighty material forward and aft than the latter.

COMPARATIVE WEIGHTS OF CREWS.

Hongkong. Kobe.

174—stroke 190—stroke

159 175

152 150

112

Total 637 Total 665

28 lbs. diff.

It is thus seen that the Kobe boat has the advantage in weight of the crew of 28 lbs., but as the Hongkong men are wily and athletic the crew that beats them will have no easy race to put.

As for the remarks in the *Hongkong Press*, regarding the crew, we think the man that penned them must have been so in a very illiberal spirit, and that certainly should receive the condemnation they deserve as being in exceedingly bad taste. Wanted, a Competent Journalist etc.

SUPREME COURT.

THE FULL COURT, APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

(Before Sir James Russell and Mr. E. J. Achroyd.)

October 29th.

THE SAME OLD TANG A LOK.

This was an appeal brought by Tang Tung Shan against a judgment of the Acting Police Judge, deciding an issue in the Tang A Lok administration case, in which he ruled that Tang Yung Mau had an interest on which he might contest the will of Tang A Lok.

The appellant (defendant in the original suit) was represented by the Acting Attorney General and Mr. Robinson, instructed by Messrs. Watson and Deacon. The respondent, plaintiff in the original suit, was represented by Mr. Francis, O.C., and Mr. Philipps instructed by Mr. Holmes.

In the absence of Mr. Leach, Mr. Robinson opened the case, saying that the appeal was based on Rule 38, sec. 4 of the Judicature Act, and an order of the Chief Justice.

The Chief Justice said he had no record and no recollection of the order referred to, although it was mentioned in the pleadings as an ordinary and duly executed order. There was something unusual about the matter.

Mr. Robinson went on to say that he now asked for a reversal of the judgment, and for a declaration that plaintiff had not proved his

interest in the estate, his father having been the illegitimate son of the testator. It was a matter of evidence, and he urged that the judgment was against the weight of evidence.

Then Mr. Robinson began to review the evidence. The facts of the case are about as interesting as "Fragrant Waters Murrum," and the learned gentleman—personally the most estimable of our lawyers—has a style of delivery which to a layman is sadly wearisome. Then (worse still) Mr. Achroyd began to read—don't know what it was—and sleep, gentle, balm, sweetly innocent sleep came over the company, and soon the jaugled swing of the judicial punkah was beating time to the subdued hum of gentle respirations, mingled with stertorous.

No! Bl the Hoffa Gote.—The noo RePorter as halways a eddake wene e gose to the Cort e makes a perfect Hexhibition of lasel bi goin to sleep hal over the Press Galy with is mouth Wide Hopen an is feat grate jumpin. Joesafat sumtimes is feat stop the Pankas workin i went to get some copy from Im jus now an e was that fast asleep an everybuddy els in Cort was asleep an in a face was as hot as yuhel so i put hal the cort hinkpinks an paper wates an anings in is mouth an all the loiers quill Pens stickin out of is Teeth an e desent no it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—In your issue of the 27th inst. I read a letter signed "Gauldier," re Mitchell and Mackintosh.

In replying to the same I first wish to impress on the mercantile community that I neither know the above two gentlemen referred to, nor have any interest whatever in their behalf.

The paragraph preceding Gauldier's letter, referring to the first half, which you, (Ed. H.K.T.) deemed it wise to publish, with the view not to hurt the feelings of the two gentlemen named, I consider was a most prudent expedient, if it was even anything approaching the expression contained in the first part of the letter published for the public to read. In my opinion it is most scurrilous indeed.

I presume from the words "If our association" in Gauldier's letter, that he is a member of the mercant

Commercial.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—158 per cent. premium, buyers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £2.10 paid up—55 per cent. dis. buyers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$225 per share, sales and buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—\$135 per share, sellers.

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Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—18 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884—C—5 per cent. premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886—E—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$91 per share, nominal.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$62 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 255 per share, sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$105 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$25, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$321 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$37 per share, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$35 per share, sales and sellers.

China and Manila Steam Ship Company—55 per share, buyers.

Ipsdo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—27 1/2 per cent. discount, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sellers.

The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$76 per cent. premium, sales.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$60 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

The Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Limited—\$3 per share, sellers.

The Shamshui Hotel Co., Limited—\$10, sellers.

Funong and Sanghile Dui Saman Mining Co.—\$24 per share, buyers.

The Rauld Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$25 per share, sellers.

Imuria Mining Co., Limited—\$72 per share, sellers.

The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sales and sellers.

Tongkai Coal Mining Co.—\$310 per share, sales and buyers.

The Jelabu Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.

The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—40 cents per share, sellers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—£12, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$177 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$57 per share, buyers.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$20 per share, buyers.

Cruckbank & Co., Limited—nominal.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$12 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$73 per share, buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.

The Labak Planting Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sellers.

The China-Borneo Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$46 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$66 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$98 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$82 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$75 per share.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$10 per share, nominal.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$14 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$41 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 3/11

Bank Bills, on demand 3/11

Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 3/11

Credit at 4 months sight 3/11

Documentary Bills, at 4 months sight 3/11

ON PARIS—Bank, T. T. 3/11

Bank Bills, on demand 3/11

Credit, at 4 months sight 3/11

On Demand 3/11

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. 721

Private, to days' sight 721

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Norddeutscher Lloyd Co.'s steamer *Sachsen*, carrying the German mail dated Berlin of 29th ultimo, left Singapore on the 25th instant at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on the 30th.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Lightning*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 27th instant, and is due here on the 2nd proximo.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 25th instant for Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The China Shipper's Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Peking*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 15th instant, and may be considered due on the 24th.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Thetis*, from Bombay, left Singapore on the 25th instant, and may be expected here on the 31st.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Dorset* left London for this port on the 4th instant.

The China Shipper's Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *Pingru*, from London and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 23rd instant, and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 11th proximo.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Venitia* left Bombay on the 25th instant, and may be expected here on the 14th proximo.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

28th October, 1891.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Temp.	Bar.	Humid.	Dir.	Force.	Clouds.	Sea.	Weather.
Whitlock	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Yokohama	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shanghai	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Amoy	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Swatow	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Hankow	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Wuchang	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Yichang	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Chongqing	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Yunnan	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shensi	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shanxi	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Hebei	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shandong	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
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Henan	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Guangdong	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Guangxi	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear

29th October, 1891.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Temp.	Bar.	Humid.	Dir.	Force.	Clouds.	Sea.	Weather.
Whitlock	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Yokohama	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shanghai	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Amoy	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Swatow	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Hankow	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Wuchang	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Yichang	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Chongqing	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Yunnan	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
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Shandong	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Henan	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Guangdong	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Guangxi	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Yunnan	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shensi	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shanxi	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Hebei	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Shandong	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Henan	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
Guangdong	SW	75	30.0	85	SE	1	100	1	Clear
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The barometer is still rising. Gradients are moderate for the season.

Temperature in the shade is 75 degrees Fahrenheit.

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The Chinese steamship *Kwangshing* reports that she left Shanghai on the 25th instant. Had light variable winds and fine weather throughout.The Italian steamship *Benvenuto* reports that she left Bombay on the 26th instant, and Singapore on the 22nd. Had fine weather all the voyage.The British steamship *Changsha* reports that she left Shanghai on the 24th instant. Had light variable winds and fine weather.The British steamship *Tongshan* reports that she left Singapore on the 23rd instant. Had light north-north-east and north-east winds with exceptionally fine weather throughout.The British steamship *Kaifong* reports that she left Newchuan, and Chiao on the 23rd instant. Had varying winds with rainy weather throughout. Passed the steamship *Amoy* off Tientsin, and a Messrs. Siemens' steamer off Mendora.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Manila.—Per *Esperanza* to-morrow, the 30th instant, at 9.30 A.M.For Nagasaki.—Per *Asagao* to-morrow, the 30th instant, at 11.30 A.M.For Singapore, Surabaya, Townsville, Sydney, and Melbourne.—Per *Milne* on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 11.30 A.M.For Straits and Calcutta.—Per *Kaitang* on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 11.30 A.M.For Yokohama, and Sagami.—Per *Chien* on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 11.30 P.M.For Bangkok.—Per *Monkong* on Sunday, the 1st Nov., at 9.00 A.M.For Europe, etc., Australia, India, etc., Madras, and Mauritius.—Per *Calcutta* on Wednesday, the 4th Nov., at 11.00 A.M.For Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Empress of China* on Tuesday, the 10th Nov., at 11.30 A.M.